



Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District

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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Central Region Fisheries
1200 Warner Road
St. Paul, MN 55106

re: Square Lake November 16, 2012 MOU Final Report

Dear Brad Parsons:

On June 8, 2016, Dr. Meghan Funke of Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc., on behalf of Dr. Leif Hembre of Hamline University, presented the findings from the three year (2013-2015) temporary trout stocking suspension in Square Lake to the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District (CMSCWD) Board of Managers. A motion was approved by the Board of Managers to support that DNR continue the trout stocking suspension for the benefit of the water quality in Square Lake based on the findings from the 2013-2015 moratorium monitoring.

This motion and the attached report satisfies the CMSCWD requirements for Deliverable 2 of the November 16, 2012 Memorandum of Understanding between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Central Region Fisheries and the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District regarding the temporary suspension of trout stocking in Square Lake.

Excerpt from page 4 of the November 16, 2012 MOU:

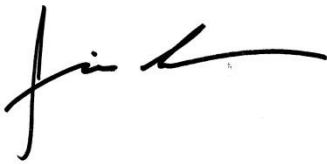
The following deliverables will be produced in accordance with this MOU:

1. Monitoring data will be evaluated on an annual basis by the CMSCWD, and an annual summary memo of the monitoring data will be provided to the MDNR by the CMSCWD.
2. A final report, including a preliminary recommendation of whether to continue the trout stocking suspension for the benefit of the water quality in Square Lake, will be completed by the CMSCWD by June 2016.
3. The final report will be reviewed by an impartial, scientific expert in limnology from a local institution of higher education and research to provide a third party recommendation to the MDNR Central Region Fisheries by December 1, 2016.

4. A decision will be made by the MDNR Central Region Fisheries by January 1, 2017 as to whether to continue the trout stocking suspension in Square Lake.
5. An amendment to this agreement will be developed by the MDNR and the CMSCWD after January 1, 2017 to define further actions required by the parties according to the outcome of Deliverable 4.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our request for a continuation of a moratorium on the stocking of trout in Square Lake and for your concern for the protection and improvement of the water resources of our Watershed District. Do not hesitate to call if you have any question or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Shaver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jim Shaver
Administrator CMSCWD